Washington Notes

To Modify Rules

Senator Dirksen (R.-Ill.) announced recently he will support efforts to modify the Senate's filibuster rule.

The rule now requires the votes of 64 Senators to shut off debate, and the number rises to 66 when Alaska's two Senators are seated. Some Senators are demanding a rule change to make it easier to end filibusters.

VENDING, JUKE SCARE

The Senate Rackets Committee said that it has evidence that mobsters used terror and trickery to muscle into the juke box-vending machine industry.

Robert F. Kennedy, chief counsel, said the evidence as it unfolds in public hearings next year, will show a pattern of violence and conniving.

The committee's chairman, Senator McClennan (D., Ark.) has announced that more than 100 witnesses are under subpoena for the hearings, now scheduled for January.

STUDIES IN USA

Masood Ghaznavi, a former Pakistan newspaper man, is attending the Johns Hopkins University this year under the auspices of a Rotary Foundation Fellowship.

Mr. Ghaznavi, who is studying international relations at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies here, is one of 126 students selected from 35 countries throughout the world to receive Rotary Fellowships for the current year.

NCAPITOL HILL CHANGES

The biggest move in a decade on Capitol Hill has started its tortious course.

It's new office assignments, for which first choice goes to members with the most seniority.

The 82 new representatives and fifteen new senators get what's left after the incumbents make their choice.

TRACKS NUCLEAR CLOUDS

Spotting and tracking of "hot" clouds from nuclear explosions quite accurately by using radar is reported now possible. Tests made by the United States Army Signal Corps show that weather radar systems may help to warn civilians and soldiers on probable areas of radioactive fallout from nuclear bursts.

NEW VACCINE FOR COLDS

Respiratory illness with slight fever, which popularly would be diagnosed as "bad colds," or in more severe cases as grippe, have been reduced by 50 to 70 per cent among Navy recruits by vaccination against a newly discovered family of viruses.

SOVIETS TO JUNK BOMBS

Premier Khrushchev claims the Soviet Union has made so many nuclear weapons that it may soon begin dismantling some of them.

One of the weapons, Khrushchev told Senator Humphrey (D.-Minn.) is an efficient and compact five-megaton hydrogen bomb. A megathon is equivalent to the force of a million tons of T. N. T. He also said the Soviets have achieved a missile with a range of 14,000 kilometers (8,694 miles).

U. S. LAMENTS ARMY RULE

The sudden spread of military regimes in the free world worries the Eisenhower Administration.

It does not consider itself responsible, much less to blame, for the fact that in the past six months generals have taken control of the governments of seven countries: France, Iraq, Lebanon, Thailand, Pakistan, Burma and the Sudan. The total of generals heading governments in the non-Communist world is sixteen.

Hot Idea

Overheard: When I complained the dinner was cold, she mustard. —Answers

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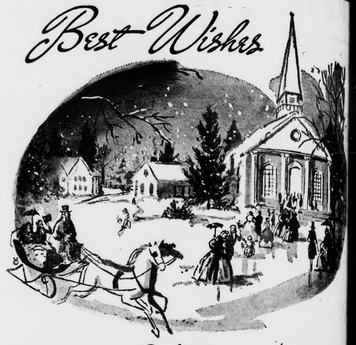

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